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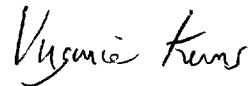
Dear Commissioner Henney:

I'm writing with regard to the F.D.A.'s policy on transgenic foods. As someone with multiple food allergies, it's important for me to know exactly what I'm eating in order to avoid the foods that make me ill. I need to know whether food has been genetically altered in order to avoid consuming allergenic substances.

I understand that a lawsuit has been filed that challenges F.D.A.'s policy of not requiring labels on transgenic foods. I support this lawsuit, and urge F.D.A. to require both safety testing and accurate labeling of genetically altered food.

I hope F.D.A. will choose to put public health before corporate interests, and will require the labeling that I, along with other American consumers, need in order to make informed choices--and stay well.

Sincerely,



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